

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed February 25, 2005. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-18 were pending in this Application. Claims 2-10 and 12-18 were allowed and Claims 1 and 11 were objected to. Applicants amend the Specification and Claims 1-6, 8, 10-16 and 18 to overcome the objections, and respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Priority

Applicants appreciate Examiner's acknowledgement of Applicants' claim for foreign priority based on the application DE 102 30 098.4. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.55, Applicants intend to submit a certified copy of the aforementioned priority application upon receipt of favorable action in the present application and prior to payment of any issue fees.

Allowable Subject Matter

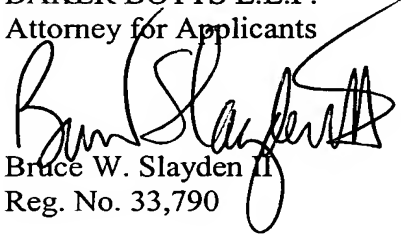
Applicants appreciates Examiner's consideration and indication that Claims 2-10 and 12-18 are allowed. Applicants amend the Specification and Claims 1-6, 8, 10-16 and 18 to overcome the objections, and believe this application is now in condition for allowance in light of the amendments.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe there are no fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2606.

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